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PARIS FOR DEA

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SUBJ: OPRED: ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICE

1. I AM GLAD TO NOTE FROM REFTEL#THAT DEA BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON HASHISH TRADE FROM MOROCCO, WHICH IS SUBSTANTIAL AND WE WELCOME PROPOSAL ESTABLISH DEA OFFICE HERE. WE HAVE SEVERAL PERTINENT OBSERVATIONS, HOWEVER.

2. JOB REQUIRES SOMEONE WHO SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH. THE OFFICER ALSO NEEDS CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FINESSE. MOROCCANS ARE PROUD AND SENSITIVE AND PERSONS WITH WHOM AGENT MUST BE IN CONTACT ARE USUALLY WELL EDUCATED AND CULTURED.

3. REFTEL#INDICATES DEA HAS IN MIND SENDING TOTAL OF THREE PEOPLE HERE. THIS WAS SAME SIZE OFFICE PROPOSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. DO NOT BELIEVE TRAFFIC WARRANTS THIS MANY PEOPLE. BELIEVE ONE MAN AND PERHAPS A SECRETARY WOULD BE MORE REALISTIC.

4. OFFICE SHOULD BE LOCATED IN EITHER CASABLANCA OR TANGIER, WHERE WE HAVE GOOD DEAL OF EMPTY OFFICE SPACE

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AND WHERE MOST OF ACTION IS. HASHISH PRODUCTION AND

TRAFFIC CENTERED AROUND RIF, WHICH MUSH MORE ACCESSIBLE
FROM TANGIER THAN RABAT. REGIE DE TABAC, WHICH IS GOM
AGENCY MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ANTI-SMUGGLING ACTIVI-
TIES, HAS HEADQUARTERS CASABLANA. LIKE SURETE NATIONALE,
GENDARMERIE ROYALE HAS HEADQUARTERS RABAT, OF COURSE,
BUT WE SUSPECT CONTACT IN FIELD IS WHERE MOST OF WORK
IS NEEDED.

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NOTE BY OC/T: #REFTEL NUMBER OMITTED.

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